

**SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 25, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers  
117 Macneil Street  
San Fernando, Ca 91340

Teleconference Per Governor Executive Order N-29-20

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Present:

Members: Chair Angel Zobel-Rodriguez, Vice Chair David Govea, Commissioners Suzanne Llamas, Nicole Mohr, and Olivia Robledo

Absent:

Staff: Director of Recreation and Community Services Julian Venegas, Community Services Supervisor, Juan Salas, Executive Assistant, Maria Calleros, and Admin. Assistant, Linda Bowden-Moreno

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Vice Chair Govea

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Vice Chair Govea, seconded Commissioner Robledo, to approve the agenda with the following edit on Item No. 2: Student of the Month selection is for February. By consensus, motion carried.

Motion by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, to amend the agenda with the following change: Item (3) will be discussed after Item (4) to provide the opportunity for Board Member Gonez to join in for a public statement. By consensus, motion carried.

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**PUBLIC STATEMENTS – WRITTEN/ORAL**

Dr. Elizabeth Beltran, LAUSD Community Schools Administrator, provided a presentation to update the public on the new protocols implemented by the school district. Information was discussed at a recent Town Hall meeting. All information and updates are available on the website, social media and news letters.

Board Member Kelly Gonez discussed the measures schools are taking to keep students and the community safe due to the recent Omicron Variant. Mitigating the spread of Covid remains a priority. Information on testing and vaccination sites is available by contacting the LAUSD Board. Ms. Gonez also discussed the selection of the new Superintendent, Alberto Carvalho. Other updates included the BD6 Parent Advisory Cabinet focusing on ways to support English learners with sessions offered in Spanish and an upcoming art contest for students.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1) REQUEST TO APPROVE SAN FERNANDO EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR:

a. November 30, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion was made by Commissioner Llamas, and seconded by Vice Chair Govea, to approve the amended minutes for November 30, 2021. (Item: Agenda Report, Section 3, the following edit was made: "...the Gerry's Kids Scholarship will stay on the same time line as the other scholarships." By consensus, the motion carried.

2) DISCUSSION AND SELECTION OF THE FEBRUARY 2022 STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Vice Chair David Govea discussed accepting the student of the month nominee for the month of February, focusing on the topic of "Caring and Kindness". Commissioner Mohr volunteered to continue on the Ad Hoc. Commissioner Llamas was in agreement and will accept Commissioner Mohr's request to continue on the Ad Hoc through the end of year. Vice Chair Govea will work with City staff to schedule the award presentation at an upcoming Council meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Govea , and seconded by Commissioner Robledo , to approve the nomination of Emily, a senior at Social Justice Humanitas Academy, for February's Student of the Month. By consensus, the motion carried.

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### **3) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2021-2022 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND RELATED MATTERS**

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez provided an update on the number of application submissions received for the 2021-2022 Scholarship Program. The deadline to submit applications is February 18, 2022. Vice Chair Govea will forward the scholarship forms to staff.

Commissioners Mohr requested that the City website display the Scholarship Program information on the homepage to continue promoting the program. Chair Zobel-Rodriguez volunteered to be the point person to answer incoming questions from the public when staff is unable to provide the requested information.

The Commission discussed the current budget for each scholarship. Commissioner Llamas suggested reviewing funds earlier in the season for the next scholarship cycle. Discussion ensued regarding edits to the donation letter such as adding a line to instruct donors to make checks payable to the City of San Fernando and the layout of the letter. The final copy will be forwarded to RCS Director, Julian Venegas, to reformat and finalize with City letterhead.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Llamas, to forward the adjusted flyer to the City Clerk and add to the agenda to go before Council for approval of use of the City logo. By consensus, the motion carried.

### **4) TEACHER SPOTLIGHT**

Commissioner Mohr nominated Stephanie Levinson, a teacher at San Fernando Elementary School, for Teacher Spotlight. Ms. Levinson is deserving of this recognition based on her commitment to her students and her dedication in organizing donations to assist these students and their families.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mohr, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to recognize Stephanie Levinson for Teacher Spotlight. By consensus, the motion carried.

The Commission discussed presenting the recognition to Ms. Levinson at a future Council Meeting or perhaps at San Fernando Elementary School.

### **5) RESCHEDULING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022 EDUCATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

Motion was made by Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Robledo, to reschedule February's meeting to Wednesday, February 23, 2022, due to the President's Day Holiday. By consensus, the motion carried.

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### **GENERAL COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Mohr reported that she is working with the organization called "Educators for Excellence". The organization will be holding their media day of action tomorrow. They are working on a culturally responsive curriculum initiative.

Commissioner Mohr commented on the tree planting event hosted by Tree People. Several students participated and really enjoyed the event.

Commissioner Llamas thanked Chair Zobel-Rodriguez, Commissioner Mohr and the City for working on the Transportation grant to provide the community better and safer transportation access. San Fernando Middle School has been identified as a location that needs improved safety which is great news.

Vice Chair Govea thanked all educators for their continued work to ensure the safety for all students.

Chair Zobel-Rodriguez offered to speak to the TBC group to encourage students to apply for the scholarship program.

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Juan Salas, Community Services Supervisor, announced a booster and vaccine pop up at Las Palmas Park on Sunday, February 6th from 12-4pm for individuals ages five and up. Call (818)898-7340 to register. Also, Tree People is hosting an event on Saturday, January 29th at 603 Orange Grove St.

Staff is working on offering hiking opportunities through the hiking program with visits to Yosemite, Jochua Tree, Catalina Island and other locations.

The Veterans Banner Program is accepting applications through April 18, 2022. The fee for this program will be waived for this year. Information is on the City website.

Youth Sports are coming back. Sports clinics will be offered for basketball, soccer, and the little league baseball program.

The City will be hosting a One Mile Run and Dia de Los Muertos event, which will include training and conditioning for running participants. This event will be held with the support of the 3 Wins Fitness Program, spearheaded by Dr. Steven Loy.

The City was awarded a \$4.2 million grant through Prop. 68 to renovate Las Palmas Park. Staff will be inviting community input in the coming months.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Commissioner Robledo, seconded by Commissioner Llamas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.